

# About Hungares (Siglavy Bagdady VIII-1)

## Success of Bábolna-breeding in Aachen at FEI World Equestrian Games

Miguel Vila Ubach, 33, the Spanish rider, aboard the gray Shagya-Arabian gelding Hungares, won the Individual world title in Endurance (160 km) at FEI World Equestrian games in Aachen.

Previously, they became absolute Catalan champions after only a four-month-long training. At that time the Hungarian Shagya-Arab gelding horse of Ubach proved to be in the best condition.

After a riding time of 9 hours, 12 minutes 27 seconds the pair gain the victory. Two young French Ladies followed him to the podium: Virginie Atger, 22, on Kangoo d'Aurabell in silver and, Elodie Le Labourier, 24, on Sangho' Limousian in bronze. This was the first time since the FEI World Endurance Championships began in 1986 that a Spanish rider wins the supreme title.

This result is connected to Hungary as, *Hungares*, the Shagya-Arabian gelding was bred and born in Hungary, Bábolna in 1998 as *Siglavy Bagdady VIII-1*. He was exported to Spain in 2004 by the *Bábolna National Stud*. Due to the training in Spain with a very good rider and the *special training-education method of the Bábolna Stud* he achieves great results.

The great result has aroused the international interest not only in the rider but in the breeder and birthplace of the horse, in the Bábolna National Stud.

Hungares, or as he was called previously in Bábolna Siglavy Bagdady VIII-1, gray, Shagya-Arabian gelding is part of the value and gene preservative work, which is makes an effort to save the different stallion streams.

In the 1980s this stream disappeared from Bábolna. The VIII -s stallion had been in utero, when it went to private ownership, then became state owned stallion in Répáspuszta, Toponár Stud. This result of Hungares (Siglavy Bagdady VIII-1) shows, that this ambition of preserving native horse breeds is very important and not a self-contained effort.

These horses are the "bearers" of very special features of Arabian horses, like for instance stamina. 160 km with 17 km/hours is only possible for these kind of horses, in case they are prepared with the suitable training.